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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subject: April 2008 Edition of the Navy Marine Corps Acquisition Regulation Supplement (NMCARS)

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The attached April 2008 edition of the NMCARS replaces and supersedes the November 2003 editions of the NMCARS and the Navy Marine Corps Acquisition Guide. The NMCARS implements and supplements the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), the Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS), and the Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI). This new edition of the NMCARS is being issued to simplify efforts of Department of the Navy (DoN) acquisition personnel to research and access DoN contracting policy, and guidance.

In addition to the merger of the November 2003 editions of the NMCARS and NMCAG, there are two major additions. A format for a Business Clearance Memorandum is included as Annex 2 and a format for a Domestic Non-Availability Determination under 10 U.S.C. 2533b is included as Annex 3. These formats, along with the Annex 1 Justification and Approval format, will be available in Word format as part of the NMCARS on the ASN(RDA) website. Other content changes are to add AbilityOne as the new name of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day program, update a reference to an ASN(FM&C) memorandum in Subpart 5217.78—Contracts or Delivery Orders Issued by a Non-DoD Agency, and add Section 5225.7003 Restrictions on acquisition of specialty metal.

To the extent this NMCARS conflicts with policy issued in any previous memorandum, the policy in the memorandum should be considered canceled and/or superseded. Guidance contained in prior memoranda that does not conflict with this NMCARS remains in effect.

I strongly support acquisition excellence and innovation. I encourage all DoN acquisition personnel to pursue the development of new techniques and methods of procurement by requesting changes or deviations to FAR/DFARS/NMCARS coverage through your chain of command.

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